

WI-464
Patrick H. Doody House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1912

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Construction of this impressive two-and-a-half story pressed brick dwelling took place during the ownership of Patrick H. Doody, a prominent Salisbury grocer who acquired this corner lot from Fred P. Adkins and W. E. Booth in July 1912. In 1920 Patrick Doody, then aged 50, is listed in the 1920 census with his 46-year old wife Eloise McBriety Doody. Following the death of Patrick Doody the brick house and lot passed to his wife and daughter, Eloise Patricia Truitt, and then to George Victor Taylor, who retained ownership until the early 1970s.

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Inventory No. W I-464

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Patrick H. Doodv House

other

2. Location

street and number 808 Camden Avenue

not for publication

city, town Salisbury

vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dorothy B. Hoeck

street and number 12312 Harbour Circle

telephone

city, town Fort Washington

state MD

zip code 20744

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court

tax map and parcel Map 114, Parcel 1279

city, town Salisbury, Maryland

liber 1343

folio 376

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
☒ **Contributing Resource in Local Historic District**
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture		
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	2	buildings
structure	both	defense		sites
site		x domestic		structures
object		education		objects
		funerary	2	Total
		government		
		health care		
		industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Patrick H. Doody house stands at 808 Camden Avenue in the Camden Historic District in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, irregular plan brick dwelling faces east with the principal roof oriented on an east/west axis. Joining the brick house on the city lot is a single-story brick garage that dates from the same period as the house.

Dating around 1912, the two-and-a-half story, irregular planned brick dwelling is supported on a raised foundation with an excavated cellar, and exterior is laid in hard pressed brick with thin mortar joints. Each elevation is based on an asymmetrical design with a projecting bay or pavilion. The pressed brick dwelling is covered by a steeply pitched hip roof sheathed with slate. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay by two-bay kitchen wing.

The east (main) elevation is defined by a projecting two-and-a-half story pavilion topped by a gable front roof. The main entrance is located in the recessed bay where paneled front door is framed by sidelights and a transom. A rusticated stone lintel stretches across the top of the entrance and a slab of stone serves as a sill. The front entrance is sheltered by a wraparound porch of fluted Doric columns resting on brick plinths. Stretching between the brick plinths is a pierced brick railing. The entry is defined by a low pitched gabled pediment. The adjacent projecting pavilion is pierced on the first floor by a tripartite window. A twelve-over-one sash window is flanked by six-over-six sash windows, and the entire opening is spanned by rusticated stone lintel. The second floor is lighted by single window openings in each bay. Above the entrance is a nine-over-one sash window opening, and a low railing of turned balusters is fixed to the low pitched roof. The pavilion is lighted by an eight-over-one sash window. Each opening is spanned by a rusticated stone lintel. The gable end of the pavilion is pierced by paired four-over-one sash windows. Trimming the edge of the slate roof is a heavy cornice fitted with large modillion blocks as well as bed and crown moldings. The ridge of the hip roof is finished with a metal cresting.

The south side is an asymmetrical elevation with a projecting two-and-a-half story pavilion fixed between the single story front porch and a two-story porch that extends from the rear kitchen wing. Off-center is an exterior brick chimney that pierces the heavy block cornice. The south face of the chimney stack is paneled, and the cap is corbelled. The first and second floors are lighted by nine-over-one sash windows, and each opening is spanned by a rusticated stone lintel. The projecting pavilion is extended by a two-story bay window finished with a combination of wood and slate sheathings. The

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first and second floors are lighted by nine-over-one sash windows. The top of the bay window is finished with block cornice, and the roof is accented with a low turned baluster railing. The gable end of the pavilion is pierced by a six-over-one sash window, and the opening is fitted with a rusticated stone lintel.

The west (rear) wall of the main block is largely covered by the two-story, two-bay service wing, which is extended on its south side by a two-story porch and to the west by a single-story porch. The slate roofs of the porches are supported by paneled posts with segmental arches fixed between the bays. Two bays of the first floor south porch are glazed above a slate covered knee wall. The second floor porch has a slate covered knee wall as well. The west gable end of the kitchen wing is defined by an asymmetrical arrangement of openings. A small diamond pane window is fixed on the south second floor bay. The attic is lighted by a pair of six-over-one sash window openings. All of the window openings are spanned by rusticated stone lintels. The edge of the slate roof is trimmed with a modillion block cornice.

The north side of the house is finished in a similar fashion with a projecting pavilion. An interior brick stack rises through the roof.

Standing behind the house is a single-story brick garage covered by a hip roof of asbestos shingles. Large garage bays pierce the south side, and the sides are pierced by segmental arched window openings.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts	
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy	
1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government	
x1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion	
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science	
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history	
	community planning		maritime history	transportation	
	conservation		military	other:	
Significance dates		Architect			
Specific dates		Builder			

Evaluation for:

National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 80/449, 20 July 1912.

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² Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, transcribed by Ruth T. Dryden, 1994, p. 125.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 781/115, 23 January 1973.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: House

Historic Environment: Residential District

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032
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Patrick H. Doody House
808 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 114, Parcel 1279

1343/376

Leroy E. Hoeck

to

4/22/1993

Dorothy B. Hoeck
and being Lots No. 12 and 15 as shown on plat entitled
"Land of Fred P. Adkins and W. E. Booth" made by
P. S. Shockley, dated 7/27/1910, EAT 74/506

JWTS 800/160

Patrick K. Truitt

to

9/14/1973

Leroy E. Hoeck
being also the same lot of ground which by Item Second
of a deed dated 1/23/1973, JWTS 781/115 and
conveyed by Patrick K. Truitt, personal representative of
the estate of G. Victor Truitt

JWTS 781/115

Patrick K. Truitt
Personal Representative of the Estate of
G. Victor Taylor

to

1/23/1973

Patrick K. Truitt
Item 2

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Chain of title continued

JWTS 310/391

Eloise Patricia Truitt

to

5/31/1949

Eloise McBriety Doody for life and then to George
Victor Taylor 2/3 interest; the said Eloise McBriety
Doody having since departed this life

EAT 80/449

Fred P. Adkins, et al.

to

7/20/1912

Patrick H. Doody
upon the death of Patrick H. Doody the aforesaid
property passed unto Eloise McBriety Doody, widow
and Eloise Patricia Truitt (nee Eloise Patricia Doody)

EAT 67/137

Caroline A. Dennis
M. Frank Dennis, N. Y. C.

to

10/23/1909

Fred P. Adkins
William E. Booth

\$100 "Camden"

350 I NW
HEBRON

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

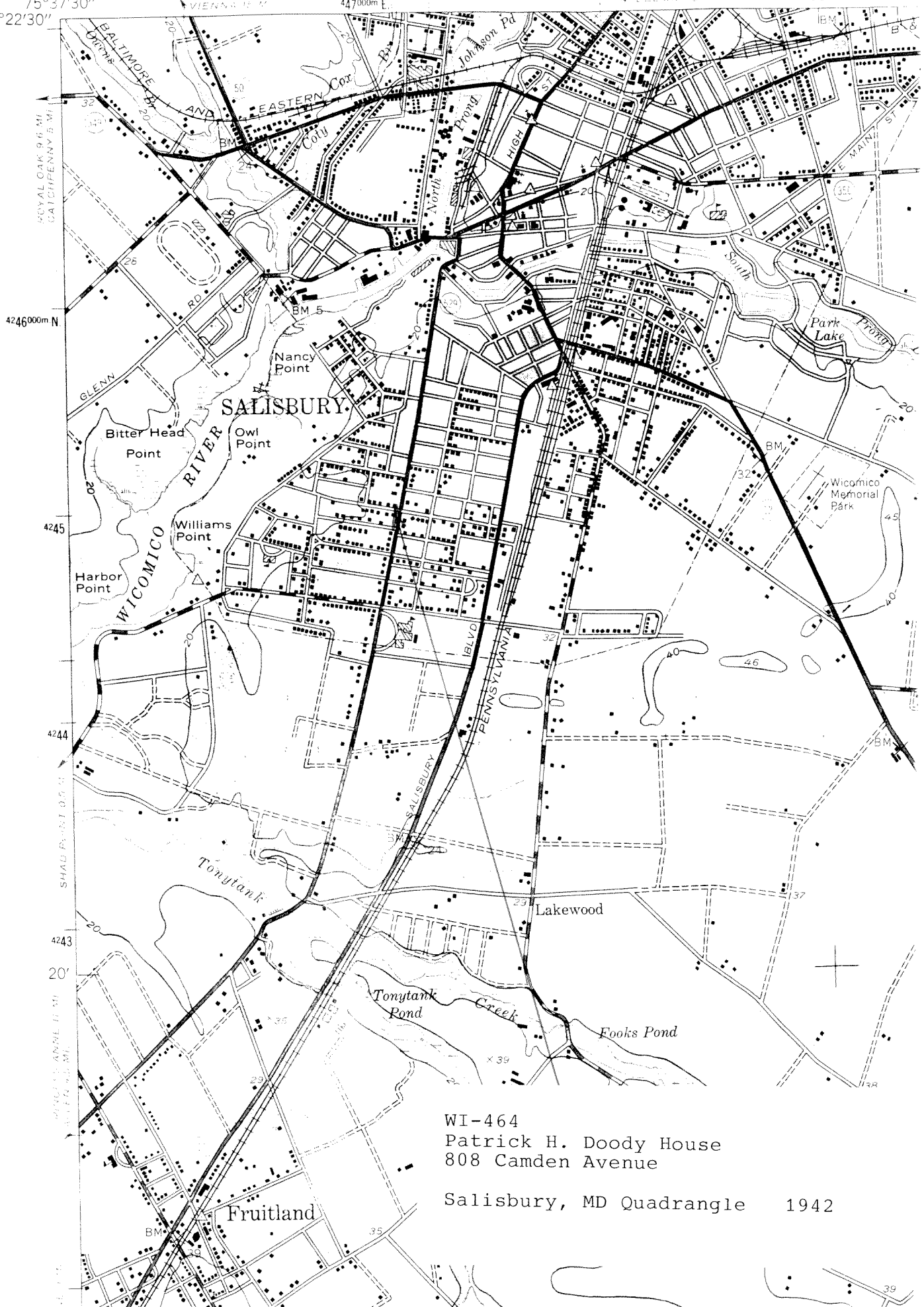
75°37'30"
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI.
VIENNA 15 MI.

447000m E.

LAUREL 13 MI.
DELMAR 6 MI.

35'



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808 Camden Avenue

Salisbury, MD Quadrangle 1942





